

Notes of 3/09/09 Meeting
Marshfield Energy and Climate Change Committee

Attending: Rich Phillips, John Morris, Anne Miller, Dan Chodorkoff, & Saul Gresser

Convene: 6:30 PM

Business:

1) Review of Agenda, items prioritized.

2) Current Project: EV Vermont Community Energy Mobilization Project Update

Present status of participant list was reviewed and updated. Twelve new participants were divided among the home visit volunteers so that most volunteers now have four participant households each to contact. Current participant list now totals 30. Visits have begun and are progressing slowly. Rich divided a call list of possible additional participants from among town residents: John, Dan, Rich and Deborah Herbst (not in attendance) will contact those on the list to see if any of these folks would be interested in having a home energy visit.

Rich reminded those present that if the participant householders are renters, then the volunteer team should contact Rich so that permission to complete a home visit can be obtained from the owner of the property.

So far, project feedback has been positive from volunteers and participants.

3) Transportation subcommittee update/discussion:

Anne updated the committee re: her research into public transportation and expanded vanpool service to the Marshfield area. She recently attended the VECAN/ Regional Planning Committee network meeting on transportation issues. The Uptake: More focused effort by our committee needs to be made in order to move this issue forward. The committee discussed making transportation issues the focus of our next major project after the EV Mobilization Project is completed. In the meantime, Anne will contact, Steve Fisk, a potential additional volunteer to help with the subcommittee. She will also look into the costs of obtaining and operating an independent Marshfield vanpool service (hopefully to include the towns of Cabot, Plainfield, and E. Montpelier). We will check in next meeting as a whole committee to generate next steps. Consideration was given to the idea of setting aside a portion of time each meeting from now until the completion of the EV project to keep this important issue moving and in the forefront until May or June when more complete attention can be given to it. Members are encouraged to contact Anne with any thoughts regarding transportation energy efficiency issues: vanpools, buses, car shares, etc. and/or to join the sub-committee.

4) Other Business/ Announcements:

a) Rich Atkins resigned from the energy committee citing other obligations. A brief discussion ensued re: possible new members who could be asked to join the committee. All agreed to informal outreach to address this issue.

b) The town energy grant request from the ANR for 12K in weatherization funds was denied. However, since then, Will Fitzpatrick has done an energy audit on the OSHC building and a new request based on the results of that audit can be submitted by April 1st. Having completed the audit, the new request is more likely to be successful.

c) Rich and Stan Martin traveled to Colbrook to investigate a vertical wind turbine and the possible purchase of an anemometer for loan to town residents. Cost: \$450 with tower, cables, and data log. Still considering the purchase.

Draft Agenda Items For Next Meeting:

- 1) Transportation issues: next steps
- 2) Current project follow-up
- 3) Other Business/Announcements

Meeting adjourned: 7:40 PM

Respectfully Submitted, Saul Gresser